

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 2, please amend paragraph one as follows:

It is therefore a primary object of the invention to provide an independent base of a tablet computer comprising an enclosure and a USB hub inside the base; the USB hub ~~contains a driver port and~~ comprises a plurality of peripheral ports, ~~the~~ A driver port is disposed on the enclosure of the base, the peripheral ports are connected to various driver interfaces of the base through cables, the driver interfaces are then connected to different peripheral devices (such as: hard disk drive, CD ROM, floppy disk drive...) within the enclosure; such arrangement enables a computer (a desk top computer or a notebook computer) to be connected to the driver port of the base through a USB cable, and to utilize the peripheral devices within the enclosure via the corresponding peripheral ports. Therefore, while the base is separated from the tablet computer, it will not become idle and useless and acts as a peripheral hub.

Page 2, please amend paragraph two as follows:

It is still an objective of this invention to provide an independent base of a tablet computer in which the USB hub ~~consists~~ comprises a controller and a Repeater, the controller controls the protocol communication between the driver port and the peripheral ports, provides signals supporting hardware configuration, suspension and installation, and offers interface registers for communicating with the computer. The USB hub offers status and control instruction for the computer to manipulate and monitor all ports (driver port and peripheral ports).

Page 2, under "Description of The Preferred Embodiment", please amend paragraph one as follows:

Referring to FIG 1 and FIG 2, the base 10 of the present invention has an enclosure 11, a USB hub is disposed inside the base 10, the USB hub 12 ~~contains a driver port 121 and~~ comprises a plurality of peripheral ports 123, ~~the~~ A driver port 121 is disposed on the enclosure 11 of the base 10, ~~the~~ The peripheral ports 123 are connected to various driver interfaces 13 of the base 10 through cables, the driver interfaces 13 are connected to different peripheral devices 14 (such as hard disk drive, CD ROM, floppy disk drive... etc.) disposed within the enclosure 11; such arrangement enables a computer 30 (desk top computer, notebook computer ...etc.) to be connected to the driver port 121 of the base 10 through a USB cable 31, and to utilize the peripheral devices 14 within the enclosure 11 via the corresponding peripheral ports 123.

Page 3, please amend the first full paragraph as follows:

Referring to FIG 1 and FIG 2, the USB hub 12 ~~consists~~ further comprises a controller 125 and a ~~Repeater~~ repeater 127, the controller 125 controls the protocol communication between the driver port 121 and the peripheral port 123, provides signals supporting the hardware configuration, suspension and installation, and offers interface registers for communicating with the computer 30. Besides, the USB hub 12 offers status and control instruction for the computer 30 to manipulate and monitor all ports thereof (driver port 121 and peripheral port 123).

Page 3, please amend the paragraph two as follows:

Referring to FIG 1 and FIG 2 again, the base 10 further ~~consists~~ comprises of a logic controller 15, a power supply 16 and a connection port 17 connected to a tablet computer 20, wherein the logic controller 15 respectively links to the driver port 121, the ~~Repeater~~ repeater 127 and the connection port 17; the logic controller 15 receives

control instructions to proceed with the control actions in accordance with the signal transmitted from the connection port 17 and the driver port 121; the power supply 16 converts the external AC power (not shown in FIG) into proper DC power to the logic controller 15 and peripheral device 14; the connection port 17 is installed on the enclosure 11 of the base 10, when the tablet computer 20 connects to the connection port 17 of the base 10 via the connector 23, the tablet computer 20 is connected with the base 10, and controls and accesses the peripheral devices 14 (such as the hard disk drive inside the base 10) within the enclosure 11 of the base 10 by controlling the logic controller 15.

Page 4, please amend the paragraph one as follows:

Referring to FIG 1 and FIG 2 again, the base 10 further ~~consists~~ comprises a keyboard 18 and a touch control panel 19, the keyboard 18 and the touch control panel 19 are connected to the logic controller 15, when the tablet computer 20 is connected to the base 10, users can input instructions and data to the tablet computer 20 through the keyboard 18 and the touch control panel 19 of the base 10.